

standing bills with this money. Now they want their money back. . . . I really don't expect to see this resolved to my benefit, but it would be nice to see some kind of pro-rating system put into place for the rest of the people who are going to encounter this ghoul practice. These people have, at this time, no recourse what-so-ever in this matter.

I know that my colleagues have all received letters like this. For many of these people that Social Security check is the only financial resource available to deal with the costs incurred during their loved one's last days of life. Without it, they are left struggling to find the money to pay back the Social Security Administration.

I believe that pro-rating Social Security checks for the month of death provides a solution to what is an unfair situation and I hope my colleagues will join us in supporting this bill.●

TRIBUTE TO HERMAN STAROBIN

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, it is a fortunate man who can know at the end of his life that he not only earned the respect of others, but that he dedicated himself to a cause in which he believed. Herman Starobin was certainly one of those men. He died recently at the age of 75, having led a full and inspirational life. Herman was a longtime friend of mine, whose compassion for and dedication to the American worker set an example for us all. A true renaissance man, he distinguished himself in many fields over the course of his lifetime.

During the Second World War, Herman covered the European theater as a freelance journalist. After the war, he took over the family business from his father, and manufactured steel doors. While running the business Herman studied economics at New York University, where he went on to earn a doctorate. In 1969, he joined Harman Industries as corporate economist, and eventually rose to the presidency. Along the way, he garnered the well-deserved reputation as an expert on international trade.

Herman's experience at Harman Industries left an indelible impression on him. It led him in 1984 to pursue his next career with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, where he fought valiantly for the future of American working men and women. At the time Herman had joined Harman Industries, the United States was the preeminent manufacturer of consumer electronics, but when he left 15 years later, the United States had lost its lead in manufacturing. Herman had witnessed the devastation of communities and tearing asunder of families that resulted from the deluge of imports, and that lit the fire under him. His firsthand experience and knowledge led him to devote the rest of his life to fighting to save our manufacturing base.

In his position as Director of Research for the I.L.G.W.U., Herman was

at the forefront of every major trade debate of the last decade. When Herman spoke, he spoke with authority. He did not live in the esoteric world of economic modeling; he possessed the conviction of one who understands how the real world operates in this era of global competition.

We will miss his vigor, his humor, his encyclopedic knowledge and his endearing charm. On behalf of Peatsy and my staff, I would like to express our deepest sympathies to his wife Carol and his daughter Christina. Herman was a true champion of the people, and it was an honor to have known him.●

NATIONAL ARBORETUM OF THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I was pleased this morning to honor the work of the Agricultural Research Service and the U.S. National Arboretum by planting a newly developed disease-resistant American elm on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. Joining me was Dr. Floyd Horn, Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service; Larry Coughlin, President of the Friends of the National Arboretum and former Congressman from Pennsylvania; my good friend, fellow tree junkie, and liberally utilized advisor, Dr. Tom Elias, Director of the National Arboretum; and Dr. Denny Townsend, the scientist who has spent a lifetime studying and developing new trees for cities and towns and the person responsible for developing this new American elm.

I also want to thank the Architect of the Capitol, Mr. William Ensign and the Landscape Architect in his office, Mr. Matthew Evans for their professional assistance in facilitating this event.

The Dutch elm disease has ravaged our native American elms for over 65 years and has largely eliminated these magnificent trees from cities and towns throughout the eastern and Midwestern United States. But now, with the help of Dr. Townsend, and the National Arboretum, we stand a great chance of seeing a return of the stately and valuable American elm.

I am delighted to be the congressional sponsor of the tree planting ceremony to honor the many accomplishments of the National Arboretum and the ARS in their contributions to the city and town landscapes in the United States.

The purpose of the ceremony was to recognize the National Arboretum of the Agricultural Research Service. Over 645 new and improved varieties of ornamental and floral plants have been developed and released. Truly a remarkable record. The Arboretum has given us hundreds of Glen Dale hybrid azaleas, several flowering pear trees, the very popular and widely grown hybrids and selections of crape myrtles and viburnums, a disease resistant sycamore suitable for city streets, new red maples, numerous hollies and magno-

lias, and now a series of new elms including Valley Forge and New Harmony.

There is no question that the Arboretum has contributed greatly to the growth of the nursery and floral industries in the U.S. Their introductions, releases, and discoveries have helped to make the green industries the number one growth industry within Agriculture in America.

I am especially proud of the new cooperative agreement recently entered into between the Arboretum and the University of Missouri. On February 7, 1996, a memorandum of understanding was signed to establish a U.S. National Arboretum Midwest Plant Research and Education Site at the Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center in New Franklin, MO.

The new program will provide significant research and educational opportunities for all of us in our mission to discover, develop, and disseminate knowledge for the stewardship and sustainable use of human and natural resources. With this in mind, our planting at MU will be arranged to enable visitors, such as homeowners, and nurserymen to make easy comparisons between selections for their use. This relationship with the Arboretum will provide practical benefits to many ordinary Americans, while providing the research community at Missouri access to numerous vegetative types that can be used for scientific study and educational purposes. In Missouri, we are very excited about this new relationship with the Arboretum.

I offer a hearty congratulations to Dr. Horn, Dr. Elias, and Dr. Townsend. Our country is grateful for people like you and your work in developing new and better trees, shrubs and other flower plants for the benefit of our national landscape and our environment.●

BORDER DRUG PROSECUTIONS

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, 2 weeks ago the Senate agreed to an amendment to the budget resolution urging the Attorney General to ensure that drug prosecutions along the United States-Mexico border are vigorously prosecuted.

In the interest of time and cooperation in moving the budget forward, I did not oppose the amendment. However, I strongly disagreed with several findings which imply that the current U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California routinely failed to prosecute major drug cases. The source of information for those findings was an article in the Los Angeles Times that made several dubious claims about drug prosecutions in the Southern District.

After the Senate passed the amendment, the Los Angeles Times published a lengthy correction that retracted many of the charges made in the original article. Specifically, the correction